EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 859

WHEREAS, September 11, 2001 was a day of unprecedented terrorist attacks upon our great Nation which resulted in a monumental loss of life and property; and,

WHEREAS, we mourned this unfathomable loss, suffered by so many, whose horrific echo will forever haunt our land; and,

WHEREAS, the goal of the terrorists was to bring our great nation to its knees, they only made us stronger as the spiritual strength of our Nation's people and the resilience of our noble institutions and way of life sustained us in this time of trial; and,

WHEREAS, this State wishes to remember the victims of this great tragedy, the heroes that gave the ultimate sacrifice during the rescue efforts, and the millions of Americans that continue to be affected;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ronnie Musgrove, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi do hereby proclaim a period of official remembrance in the State of Mississippi and do hereby order all flags of the United States of America and the State of Mississippi be flown at half-staff on all buildings and grounds of the State of Mississippi and all areas under its jurisdiction on Wednesday, September 11, 2002.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Jackson, this the 10th day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand and two, and of the two hundred and twenty-sixth year of the United States of America.

RONNIE MUSGROVE GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

SECRETARY OF STATE